



August 31, 2009

Dear Parents of the Class of 2011:

This year, the sophomore (now junior) student government members and I decided to advocate for an exciting excursion. We were moved to action after an overwhelming number of classmates expressed their desire to share a bonding experience with their fellow classmates. After meetings with teachers, deans, and classmates, we were finally able to create a trip so cool, so epic, so... INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING, that even we couldn't believe it. We have succeeded in making the impossible possible—a trip that is simultaneously educational *and* fun. As the president of the junior class, I am thrilled to announce the **1st annual junior class Washington D.C trip!** (Please refer to the Class of 2011 Class Trip letter on Poly's "Start-of-School page.")

To guarantee that the trip will be a success, a student-faculty committee will be formed at the start of school. In this committee, students that are not directly involved with student government will take on true leadership roles: voicing their opinions and those of their classmates, making phone calls, using their organizational skills, and, most importantly, collaborating with teachers. We believe this trip will become one of the most enjoyable aspects of the Form V curriculum.

Our trip is set to take place from November 8th through November 10th. Before then, we have our work cut out for us as a class to insure that all students will be able to attend. We fully understand the financial sacrifice that this trip presents to many families. Therefore, as we will do with the student faculty committee, we are rolling up our sleeves. We are going to work together as a class to drive down the cost.

Our first and most significant fundraiser will take place on the evening of September 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Poly Prep Commons Hall. We'd love to invite all parents and families of the junior class to the *Class of 2011 Washington D.C Kickoff Potluck Dinner*. The suggested cost of this dinner will be \$5.00 a person (to be accepted at the door). When the other junior class student government members and I picture this splendid occasion, we envision a fundraiser filled with unparalleled class unity (as well as delicious food!), all in celebration of our future participation in the insightful educational experience that is the *Washington D.C Junior Class Trip*. During this night full of fun and *fundraising*, we will also begin selling raffle tickets for the *Junior Class Washington D.C Raffle*. Without a doubt, it will be a night to remember!

We would love for all families to join us and would greatly appreciate all of the help you can possibly offer (i.e. contributing a main course, appetizer, or dessert to the potluck dinner or a donation of a possible raffle item).

On the next page, you will see the options for parental support. Kindly fill out the sheet and return as instructed. **Please respond no later than Tuesday, September 8th.**

As we finalize the details of the evening, we will be in touch with all parent volunteers.

Please do not forget to return the bottom portion of this letter as soon as possible, as the student government members and I want to ensure that this evening is a HUGE hit!

With any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at wernes11@polyprep.org or my home phone number (718) 945-4343.

As always, thank you for your constant support. We truly appreciate it.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Sarah Werner, Junior Class President
& The Junior Class Student Government



Class of 2011 Washington Trip Potluck Dinner/ Fundraiser
Response Form

Please check the boxes below:

Name: _____

Please indicate the best way to contact you!

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

€ We would love to attend the 1st annual Washington D.C Kickoff Potluck Dinner on September 10th at 6:30 p.m. in Commons Hall!

Number of guests attending: _____

(Please do not send checks, as we will have families pay at the door!)

€ We would love to help cook! We need parents to donate beverages: water, soda, juice, iced tea, frappocinos, (no alcohol.) It is expected that there will be approx. 400 people in attendance. Parent volunteers are also needed to show up at around 3:00 PM for set up; assist with serving during; and clean up at the end. The Dinner will be from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM on Thursday, September 10th. Students may also assist. Please bring any food in a disposable pan. Each “dish” should feed approx. 15 people.

Food: I will bring _____

Beverage: I will bring _____

I can volunteer for _____ set-up 3:00-6:00 PM _____ serving _____ clean-up (8:30 PM-9:00 PM)

€ We would love to contribute a raffle item for the Junior Class Raffle baskets! Below is our contribution:

***For those of you contributing food or raffle items, we will be following up with details very soon after receiving your responses!

RSVP to Sarah Werner at wernes11@polyprep.org and copy Alberta Thompson P '11 at momsnwb112@aol.com for RSVP's pertaining to volunteers or food & beverage donations.